## MEMORANDUM DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES COUNTY OF PLACER

To:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

Date: APRIL 4, 2006

From:

JAMES DURFEE/ALBERT RICHIE

Subject:

PURCHASE OF COMPACT EXCAVATOR

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Budget Revision transferring appropriations in the amount of \$42,000 from the Special Department Expense Account to the Equipment Account within the Parks and Grounds budget to fund the purchase of a Compact Excavator and approve the addition of a Compact Excavator in the amount of \$42,000 to the Master Fixed Asset List.

BACKGROUND: Each year, your Board appropriates funding within the Parks and Grounds budget for the specific purpose of trail acquisition and construction. During the current fiscal year, the appropriation for this purpose is \$300,000. Quite often, trail segments being constructed and maintained are located in remote, rugged areas that are not accessible to regular sized tractors and equipment. This hinders staff's ability to construct and maintain the various trail segments.

Staff is recommending the utilization of \$42,000 of the approved trail funding to purchase a Compact Excavator. This piece of equipment will be extremely versatile in our construction and maintenance program.

The current rental rate for this type of equipment is \$450 per day. There have been times when staff has been required to rent excavators for a week or more at a time. Staff anticipates constructing as much as 20 miles of new trails on the former Spears property in addition to trail construction and maintenance at many other sites throughout the County during the upcoming year. Staff anticipates the savings in rental costs alone will cover this purchase within two to three years.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** The purchase of this piece of equipment is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this request is available within the approved Parks and Grounds budget. There will be no additional effect to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENT: BUDGET REVISION

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cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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